

**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) A pyrotechnic composition prepared by mixing nitrocellulose and a nitroalkane to prepare a composition in a gel form, mixing an oxidizing agent, a fuel and a color producing agent to the composition and then drying to remove the nitroalkane from the gel.
3. (Previously presented) A pyrotechnic composition as claimed in Claim 2 wherein the composition in the gel form comprises 3 to 40 % by weight of nitrocellulose and 97 to 60 % by weight of the nitroalkane.
4. (Previously presented) A pyrotechnic composition as claimed in Claim 2 or 3 wherein the content of nitrocellulose in the pyrotechnic composition is 0.6 to 12 % by weight.
5. (Previously presented) A pyrotechnic composition as claimed in Claim 2 wherein the contents of the oxidizing agent, the fuel and the color producing agent are 40 to 60 % by weight, 10 to 25 % by weight and 15 to 50 % by weight, respectively.
6. (Previously presented) A pyrotechnic composition as claimed in Claim 2 which is in the form of a star or a lance.
- 7-12. (Cancelled)